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In re Application of: Richard Paul Tarquini, et al.)	RECEIVED
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Filed: October 31, 2001)	Examiner: Alomari, Firas B.
Confirmation No.: 4711)	Group Art Unit: 2136
For: METHOD, NODE AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR PERFORMING MULTIPLE SIGNATURE MATCHING IN AN INTRUSION PREVENTION SYSTEM)	Attorney Docket No. 10017333-1

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED IN CONNECTION WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2005, taken together with the Notice of Appeal filed November 22, 2005, and prior to examination of the above-identified continuation patent application, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendment, and to further examine the application in view of the following timely amendments thereto and the comments as set forth below. Applicants respectfully request favorable action by the Examiner.